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A Message from Councilmember Malnar

Greetings Sahuaro District Residents,

This week the Council began the budgeting process during a special workshop. One item of interest discussed was whether or not to increase the primary property tax. Even though the actual tax increase would be relatively small compared to total taxes collected, I suggested council not raise the primary property tax rate.

This item will come before the council for a vote during the budgeting process over the next several weeks.

Overall the mid-year financial report showed positive financial results through December 2015.

Other items presented at the regular weekly workshop were the General Plan update review and tentatively public vote scheduled for the August 2016 city wide election. A lot of time and effort has been put into the effort of updating the General plan by staff and our outside consultants. Many thanks are also due to the citizen advisory committee members who volunteer many hours providing input on the plan.

The council also provided consensus to move forward centerline development tools to help promote downtown Glendale economic growth. In addition, council

directed the HR department to start an in house executive search to replace retiring city Clerk Pam Hanna.

Enjoy the weather this weekend! If you have some free time on Saturday, consider helping out with Glendale service days. See below for locations nearby.

- Ray Malnar

SAVE THE DATE: Sahuaro District Meeting

- Thursday, March 24th, 2016
- 5:30pm to 7pm
- Paseo Racquet Center and Park
63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road
- More details to follow!



Ribbon Cuttings

We welcome one new business to the Sahuaro District and another one to the City of Glendale, both have ribbon cutting events next week. We wish them great success in Glendale!

The Rogue Tomato - Monday, February 22, 2016

18561 N. 59th Avenue, Suite 122, Glendale, AZ 85308

Join us at the Grand Opening celebration of The Rogue Tomato and taste test some of their menu!

Ribbon Cutting at 5:00 pm.

Celebrity Tux & Tails - Wednesday, February 24, 2016

9240 W. Northern Avenue, Suite 103 A, Glendale, AZ 85305

Enjoy complementary food and beverages at this Grand Opening open house celebration!

Ribbon Cutting at 6:00 pm.



Short, Important Survey for Glendale Transportation Plan (Reminder- Feb 29th)



will be the last day to submit a survey response) -

The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, and wants YOUR input! The Plan will define how the City's transportation system will improve and change over the next 25 years, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made-to ensure that Glendale continues to

provide and plan for its residents, businesses, and visitors' transportation needs.

Please visit www.glendaleaztmp.com and click on "Survey" along the Navigation Bar at the top of the home page to complete a short survey about Goals, Objectives, and Priorities related to transportation in Glendale.

The transportation system is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, entertainment and recreational opportunities, and more! The Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040 will address all modes-vehicular, non motorized, transit, and aviation. The more that residents, businesses, community and professional organizations, and other entities that use the transportation system in Glendale are involved in the development of the Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040, the better the Plan will be.

Please feel free to share the link-and Thank You for your input!!

Visit Glendale Holds Photo Challenge Conjunction With Arizona PBS Station. Contest Highlights 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' -

GLENDALE, Ariz. - The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, newly rebranded as Visit Glendale, has recently launched a photo challenge in conjunction with KAET, Arizona's PBS station. The photo challenge is themed 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'.

The contest, called 'Capture My Arizona,' is an ongoing campaign designed to showcase Arizona through the eyes of Arizona photographers. Through the contest, individual challenges focus on particular areas, events, or other items of interest. "This time of year is all about the sweet life - whether it's the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, an upcoming spring training game, or even just a sweet walk with your dog in the park," said Lorraine Zomok, President & CEO Visit Glendale. "We are looking for what the sweet life means to both residents and visitors."

The 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' challenge, which runs Feb. 1 through March 31, will offer two prizes, both Cerreta Candy Company chocolate baskets, one for editor's choice and one for people's choice.

To enter, visit <http://www.capturemyarizona.com/challenges/living-the-sweet-life-in-glendale-az>. The contest ends on March 31. Find additional information on Glendale online at www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

ARIZONA HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRMAN TO HOLD BUDGET CONVERSATION IN GLENDALE -

Representative Justin Olson, Chairman of the Arizona House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, will host five town hall forums for the public to learn about budget proposals and offer their input on what they would like to see from the Arizona State Legislature. We are excited to announce that one of these forums will be held in

Glendale. We encourage the public to attend to learn more about the state budget and to offer their feedback on proposed state spending.

The Glendale forum will be held on **Saturday, February 20th at 1pm** in the Glendale City Council Chambers.

Topics at the forum will include current budget proposals, a recent history of the state's budget and an invitation to all attendees to offer their views and budget recommendations.

The hearings will be broadcast online and live streamed via social media when available.

For additional information, please contact Representative Olson's office at 602-926-5288.

We Need Your Input! **Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library -**

In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale. The [Library Advisory Board](#) is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services. [Details](#)



Glendale Events

Glendale Gears up for 10th Annual Glendale Serve Day Feb. 20 Volunteers Wanted!

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. - Remember all those New Year's resolutions you made? Here's an opportunity to make good on some of them and get 2016 off to a great start! Glendale Neighborhood Services is recruiting volunteers to participate in the city's 10th Annual Serve Day, slated for Saturday, Feb. 20.

Groups, organizations and individuals can participate by choosing among multiple community service volunteer projects scheduled at locations throughout the city. Community service projects include picking fruit in the park, a nature trail clean up, neighborhood beautification activities or refurbishing library chairs and outdoor benches in and around historic downtown Glendale.

"One of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you can have is working together with your neighbors and friends," said Mayor Jerry Weiers. "Participating in Serve Day is an opportunity to give back to the community and help those in need. For the city,

Serve Day is an opportunity to address projects that may not be possible without volunteer support. Everyone's a winner when you team up to help your community."

2016 Serve Day Volunteer Projects - Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016:

Fruit picking at Sahuaro Ranch Park Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. All fruit will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.

Refurbishing Downtown Teakwood Benches Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in front of the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Nature Trail Litter Patrol at Skunk Creek Linear Park Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Nature Trail Litter Patrol at Thunderbird Paseo Park Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on 59th Avenue just south of Thunderbird Road.

Xeriscape Garden Workday at Glendale Main Library Volunteers will help with weeding, raking and garden maintenance, meeting at 8 a.m. in front of the library at 5959 W. Brown St.

Refinishing Wooden Benches and Youth Chairs at Velma Teague Library Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in front of the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Registration is required. For more information about other service projects or to volunteer for Glendale's 10th Annual Serve Day, contact Michelle Yates with Glendale Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2663 or at myates@glendaleaz.com.

10th Annual Glendale Serve Day (Citywide)-
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., **Saturday, February 20, 2016**

Hundreds of volunteers from various organizations, schools, and non-profits will again complete community projects throughout Glendale. Projects include but are not limited to: gleaning fruit, nature trail clean up, refurbishing downtown benches, neighborhood beautification and more. Specific locations will be provided in the coming weeks. Staff contact: Michelle Yates at 623-930-2044.

January - March, Mondays - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: (City-Wide) - **Citizenship Classes:** Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this free, ten-week class will teach the fundamentals of United States Politics, Government, and History included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. The classes will be held on Feb. 22 and 29; and March 7, 14, 21, 28 at the Velma Teague Library. They are free and open to the general public. Registration is required. For more information, please contact Mike Beck at 930-3546.

THE FIVE15 GALLERY ARTIST COLLECTIVE EXHIBIT COMES TO GALLERY GLENDALE WESTGATE -

GLENDALE, Ariz. -Members of the Five15 Arts Gallery, one of Roosevelt Row District's long established artist collectives, will hold a special satellite exhibit at Gallery Glendale at Westgate during February, located inside Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102.

Artists include Samuel Dahl, Anne Howey-Falvey, Hallie Mueller, Michelle Terry-Helmick and Joan C. Thompson. The exhibit will showcase new and existing works, featuring both traditional and experimental techniques in painting, drawing, printmaking, and mixed media. Artwork will be available for sale.

The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy wine and light refreshments at the opening reception on Friday, Feb. 5, 6 - 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on view every Friday and Saturday in February during regular gallery hours, Feb. 5-27, 6 - 9 p.m. About the artists:

* Sam Dahl, MFA, was born in Germany, but has lived in America since 1985. He has been painting, drawing and building since age eight. In 2010, after receiving a degree in painting, he embarked on a new life in Phoenix, where he could be affected by a new terrain, teach young people how to realize their own talent with image-making, and make ever new bodies of work. His work is on shaped, non-rectangular wood panel, and his media include oil paint, ink, graphite, and charcoal.

* Anne Howey-Falvey is a realist who employs painterly brush strokes and unconventional mark making. Her current work blends images, text, and abstract marks with imagery as a means to explore emotional connections with both childhood memories and her current relationships.

* Hallie Mueller originally comes from New England where she received her education in Connecticut and Maine. Since moving west, Hallie has been fascinated with imagery accumulated from travels across different landscapes. Her work deals with layering and the way visual ambiguity, specifically overlap and transparency, captures emotional memory.

* Michelle Terry-Helmick is a native of the Southwest and comes from a family of artists and makers. She is self-taught. Using a variety of media including drawing, mixed media painting and sculpture, her styles range from photorealism to abstract. Experimentation with texture, form, color, capturing personality and an empathy for her subjects, whether human or still life, is the focus of her works.

* Joan C. Thompson MA MFA, has made prints, paintings and mixed media artwork her lifelong. A past high school/college art instructor, her focus has been on process, meaning and message. Color, design and form and an abiding love of midcentury modern are recent appearances in her work.

Participating artists will be available during gallery hours to discuss their work. To learn more about the artists and their techniques, visit <http://www.five15arts.com>. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The gallery is located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria.

The gallery is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Glendale Public Art Program Manager, at 623-930-3557 or at Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale>.

Coffee with a Cop Events-

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

- Wednesday, February 24, 2016
6:00pm
Submarinos
7910 N. 43rd Ave., Suite #6

Service Spotlight

Some quick links to help our users:

[Water Services](#)

[Glendale Police Department](#)

[Glendale Fire Department](#)

[Join Nextdoor](#)- The Glendale Police Department is using Nextdoor to connect with residents to promote stronger and safer neighborhoods. This page is not monitored 24/7. For emergencies call 9-1-1.



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